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J. FRIED, Proprietor

Monday Morning, March 29, 1869.

We have always been under the impression hitherto, that if our Government never originated anything towards the development or advantage of the Colony, they were at any rate not opposed to such action when emanating from some other source. In plain terms, though too indolent themselves, they had no objections to some one doing it for them. This idea appears to have been erroneous. Not only will the Government not do anything of themselves, but they object to anyone else taking the initiative. How long will the people of this Colony submit to such treatment at the hands of officers whom they pay handsome salaries under the impression that they are paying for services rendered for the public benefit. We have only to refer our readers to the letter of Messrs. Reynol s and Lakin, and the official reply, to convince the most sceptical that our Government is a real obstruction, and that it is incumbent on our citizens to take the matter into their own hands if they desire to preserve themselves from utter annihilation. What will this Colony ever be worth without population? Has the Government ever done anything towards the settling up of the country? Has it not on every occasion endeavored, on the contrary, to throw every obstacle in the way? How about female immigration? After the resolution expressing the opinion of the Council that such a measure was necessary and advisable had been carried unanimously through the Council, backed by the opinion of the entire population outside, what did our intelligent Government suggest? To send the recommendation home for the approval of the Imperial Government!!! Can any other conclusion be arrived at than that that proposition was another way of putting a veto on the measure? And does anybody think that the Government would have given way if it had not been for the decided expression in which this underhanded way of betraying the interests of the Colony was attempted to be carried out, thus making expediency the arbiter in the case? What have Reynolds and Lakin done that they may not serve their fellow Colonists and settle on the public lands? They have done for years and were trying to do now what the Government, at least the present Government, has consistently opposed—the settlement and development of the Colony. If some enthusiastic admirer of Government circumlocution and the art of “how not to do it” requires to be rewarded for his fidelity, an exploration party is immediately got up, that a surface may be put on such malappropriation of public money; but great care seems to be always taken that the pretended exploration shall result in nothing. If, however, any real explorer, conscientiously believing that he can, and earnestly desiring to benefit the public, offers his services, he is immediately snubbed and “put down” so as to secure consistency to this mockery of government. What did these men require in their effort to open up the country? Six hundred and twenty-five dollars and a bit of land that they would pay for out of their wages. What do our Faithful Officials require to compensate them for building residences that nobody asked them to build, in order that they may be able to erect new ones in this city commensurate with the importance of their valuable services to the people of this Colony, and that they may do justice to the salaries they get out of the peoples earnings, and enjoy them to the utmost. The only particular about which we feel any curiosity is, as to what length of time the Colonists will continue to allow anything so subversive of their interests as the present system of Government to exist without at least remonstrating against its continuance.

The slough of despond into which mismanagement has thrown us, appears to have exerted its malevolent influence on the energies of our people, so that they sit supinely by and allow aliens and strangers to take from under their very noses the produce of our fisheries, which would give employment to hundreds of hardy people who follow that profitable occupation, and would enrich our commercial men to an extent that no other investment of money would accomplish, in proportion to the outlay. A party of men, fitted out at an expense not exceeding \$3,000 to \$4,000, is capable of procuring oil giving a nett profit of ten times that amount; but supposing the average success gives only four to five hundred per cent where on earth can such a return for so small an investment be realized? This fact is so palpable that the keen olfactory nerves

of our neighbors of the Bay City have been affected by it; and nevertheless, until we absolutely see them at work making use of our own bays and harbors to run their fish into and prepare their oil, it is quite imperceptible to us that they have been gradually creeping up here for years, having exhausted their own waters of fish. What are our people doing? Does this millstone of a Government that hangs around the necks of the people of this Colony render them inert? Or are they so demoralized with submission to what is so manifestly unjust that all traces of energy have left them? We only know that any other people in the world would have explored such ready sources of wealth and turned them to account long ere now, and not have allowed strangers who would not expend a cent with us if they could positively avoid it, carry off the treasure that belongs of right to our citizens. We ask our people, for the sake of the young who are rising up around us, to awake; let them shake off this fatal lethargy that is gradually sinking them lower than Russian serfs; that is depriving them of a comfortable provision for their families, and what is worse than all, their own self respect. In a few years, between the parties already in operation, and the adventurers in course of fitting out, all on San Francisco account, we shall not have a whale left in our waters; and the millions of dollars resulting from the pursuit gone to enrich our neighbors, and rival, who for so many years have been absorbing all we can gather here by dint of indomitable perseverance, in consequence of our worse than want of Government. The days of forbearance are past. The citizens must no longer be allowed to wander uncared for like sheep without a shepherd.

The Importance of our Whale Fisheries to Victoria.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Among the many sources of wealth in this Colony the development of which is awaiting the energy and industry of our colonists, there is not one, whether it be coal, lumber, mineral or agriculture, that demands our immediate attention more emphatically than do the whale fisheries of our Coast. It is a fact now placed beyond dispute, that the Gulf of Georgia, Queen Charlotte's Sound, Barclay's Sound, and, in short, every bay and inlet on our coast, is at some season of the year literally alive with hump-back whale. Mr. Dawson of Saanich, in the face of obstacles, which would have deterred most men, and with a perseverance worthy of all praise, has succeeded in placing beyond a doubt the fact that hump-back whale can be killed not only in sufficient quantities to pay, but, to pay well. If one company, groping about enveloped in the fog of last summer, and altogether, contending with the most adverse circumstances, succeeded in killing eight whales with one boat, that of itself is the most convincing proof that whale fishing upon this coast, under ordinary circumstances and properly managed, cannot fail to prove highly remunerative. Shore whale fisheries upon the coast of California have for the last fifteen years been a source of very considerable profit to every man engaged in them. The supplying of these companies with all the necessary material, the buying and exporting of their oil has become quite a business in San Francisco; a business now divided among six or seven houses. There are now some twelve shore companies actively engaged during the season upon the coast of California; each company lowering from two to six boats; these companies will average about 25 men each, and that along a stretch of coast of something like 450 miles. And besides these shore companies, from ten to twenty vessels make a trip there during the season. Say, 500 men are engaged every season upon the coast fisheries of California. If that number of men can find profitable employment upon the coast of California in catching whale, there is no doubt but five times that number may find profitable employment for the next ten years around our island and along our coast, and for this reason: The California whaling season lasts only about four months. They catch principally what are called California greys, or Devil fish, a whale which seems to be of a migratory character. Two months late in the fall he goes South, which is called the “down season.” Two months early in the spring he comes North, which is called the “up season.” During these four months are caught almost all the whales which are caught upon that coast. There is this distinction between the coast fisheries of California and those of our waters, and it is an important one: They fish for California greys, a migratory fish, which they only have four months out of the twelve; we fish for hump-backs which we have all the year. It is now pretty well ascertained that hump-backs never leave our coast. They will frequent one bay at one season, and another bay at another season of the year; but in the Gulf of Georgia, for example, Humpbacks are there every month in the year. As a matter course, in ordinary winters, stormy weather would occasion a considerable loss of time; but I question if there is any other northern whale fishery in which so large a portion of the year can be profitably employed. Although hump-back will be the principal whale hunted for, yet there is no doubt that there will be found a few right whale and occasionally a sperm whale, both of which are very valuable. I said that if California can support five hundred men our coast will support five times that number. But, let us at present reduce our anticipations to something which seems to me to be as certain as anything in the future can be certain, and that is, that within the next three years, whether Victoria does it or not, we will have at least twenty companies of twenty men each, stretched around our coast. That business will of course be a source of considerable profit to Victoria; but it rests entirely with ourselves, whether Victoria or San Francisco is to have the lion's share of the profits. Here is a business, one which has paid in every part of the world where it has been prosecuted; all that we have to do is to stretch out our hand and grasp it, and if Victoria fails to do that, San Francisco most assuredly will. In fact the last named city is already nibbling at it. A San Francisco house is now assisting a company on

Howe Sound, supplying them with material and will, no doubt, be prepared to buy their oil as soon as caught. Half a dozen men with a few hundred dollars will, in San Francisco obtain all the assistance they require to enable them to start a company. Why cannot Victoria arrange to provide all the necessary material? But as one cannot in a single letter do anything like that justice to this question which its important demands, I shall with your permission recur to the subject at an early day.

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About 200 yds Carpeting, Rugs, Green Damask Curtains, Mahogany Pole Cornices and Rings; Blinds, Table Covers, Sideboard, Dining, Side and Centre Tables, Veranda Chairs, Walnut and other Chairs; Cheval, Chimney and Dressing Glasses; handsome Engravings, Umbrella Stand; Mahogany, Brass and Iron Bedsteads; Washstands and Furniture; chests Drawers, Cloth press, Bedding, Mattresses, 1 superior Washing Machine, Glassware, China Breakfast Sets; Ornaments, Large Kitchen Stove and Furniture.

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Best brands of Cane Wines, Ales and Liquors and Havana Cigars dispensed at the Bar.

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ALEX. B. GRAY,

Hon'y Secretary.

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OFFICE—Governor's Street, foot of Broughton street. mh29 1m

A CARD.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

VICTORIA, March 23rd, 1869.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST: My attention having been called to an article on the above church in the Sunday issue of your contemporary, I shall feel obliged by your inserting a few remarks of mine thereon lest the impression should go forth that all the professional public endorse what is said.

The building is not constructed of brick, but for all practical purposes, of timber. It stands on wooden posts about 100 feet apart, and is built up of all sorts of wood, and is a building of this size, relying on the slender pretext of brickwork which causes this one The “two tiers of massive columns which support the roof” consist of coupled timbers pointed and sanded, and the “beautiful Gothic screen” is, I believe, no credit to the interior; and as to 400 sittings, or even 350, they must be any thing but convenient for this size of church. As to the exterior, Westminster Abbey and Henry VII. chapel—what I suppose the writer alludes to—must hide their diminished heads in comparison, though in my opinion the church is the rudest travesty of Gothic, certainly calculated to kill George Gilbert Scott, should he ever see it—an excellent cross between very rude Norman and one of John Vanbrugh's erections. The “graceful pinnacles” are of painted wood sanded; a cardboard effect is produced in other parts of the front by the employment of the same material. The entrance door and the rear large window are anything but Gothic. This may appear severe handling of a building in these days of economy. But the Church has not been built at an economical figure. £11,000 judiciously laid out would have produced a substantial and respectable building, steeple included, having cut stone dressings. There would have been less plaster and gilding, and more brickwork; less pretentiousness and more solidity; in a word, less pretentiousness and more architecture. I may be thought to speak feelingly. I am sorry to say I do; then why should the managers come out with this flourish of trumpets, reflecting, among others, on Yours, obediently,

EDWARD MALLANDAINE,

Architect.

Excursion to H. M. S. Zealous, ON MONDAY NEXT.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S STEAMER

Enterprise

Will leave her wharf for Esquimalt on Monday afternoon, March 29th, at a quarter to 1 o'clock with an Excursion party to pay a

FAREWELL VISIT TO THE ZEALOUS

By Permission of Capt. Dawkins.

Tickets—50 cents; children under 12, 25 cents—can be obtained from Messrs. Hibben & Co., and from the teachers of St. John's school, to the benefit of which institution the proceeds will be devoted.

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AT VICTORIA, (ON BOARD,)

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Her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture,

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RESERVE PRICE, - - \$3,750

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For Freight or Passage, having superior accommodations, apply on board. Passengers from Oregon via Olympia will be ticketed through from the latter place to Portland for \$11.

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Wedding & Visiting Cards, NEW STYLES OF TYPE,

Superior to Copper Plate. AT ONE-THIRD THE PRICE!

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A MAN ACCUSTOMED TO PLOUGH with horses; a man to dig, and one to prune. Terms, \$40 per month, without Board.

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Springfield Nursery, - - - - Cook street, and James' Bay Nursery, - - - - Michigan street,

VICTORIA, V.I.

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In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand

THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds

Ever offered on this Coast.

Special attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and for the first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.

A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for samples of the above.

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Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of

Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c

At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles

The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.

The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:

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Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment.

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Offer for sale a full assortment of

New Seeds for the Farm and Garden,

The bulk grown by themselves and harvested in prime condition.

Their European Seeds Come via the Isthmus.

The stock of Grasses, Clovers, Lucerne, Trefoil, Turnips, Rape, Mangolds, Carrots, &c., is the most complete, choice and extensive ever offered in this Colony. Of Garden and Vegetable Seeds, the selection [including all the best kinds in cultivation] is unrivalled, and of

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Only the most beautiful kinds have been grown.

Just received per “Prince of Wales,”

Garden Ironmongery, Cutlery, Iron Hand-Lights, Flower Pots, &c.

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GLOVES & HATS of every Description.

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BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.

All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap.

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The First Express under this arrangement will leave Victoria on Friday, 12th inst. Collections, Commissions, and all business in the Express line punctually attended to.

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Gum Drops Tondant's Cor-H dial Drops Chocolate Cream Burned Almonds.

And all other kinds without end, will be sold at 75 cents per pound

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A. W. PIPER,

Government street.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Monday Morning, March 29, 1869.

MARRIED.

On the 24th inst., at St. Paul's Church, Nanaimo, by the Rev. A. C. Garrett, B. A., William Clarke to Mary Deverill, eldest daughter of W. H. Franklin, Esq., Civil Commissioner of Seydell Island.

A Proposition to Explore the Island for \$625 Rejected by the Government!

VICTORIA, B. C., March 13th, 1869.
May it please Your Excellency: We, the undersigned miners, now residing in Victoria, and British-born subjects, beg to submit to Your Excellency a plan by which we think we should be enabled to explore and prospect, search for, and develop in some measure the mineral resources of this extensive colony.

We beg to remind Your Excellency that though there has been two or three expeditions fitted out at Government expense within the last three or four years, that their failure is not a proof positive of the non-existence of rich mineral deposits, either in alluvial ground or in the matrix; in other, or even the same, localities; that while we can appreciate the services of the gentlemen engaged in these exploring parties in an astronomical, geographical, and botanical point of view, we very much doubt whether either or all these would attract a population to our shores, but rather the discovery of the precious and base metals, which has caused such a stream of human beings to flow to California, Australia, and British Columbia. We therefore lay before you our plan of operations, and should they meet Your Excellency's approval, we promise to follow them up to the best of our ability.

1st. To prospect the northeast coast of this Island, commencing near Cape Mudge, by going up the rivers and creeks, as also the rocks along the shore, more particularly the metamorphic system when seen, and to follow inland to a convenient distance, any metallic ores or mineral veins we may consider worth following and extract from them specimens such as we may think worth saving.

2nd. That after having spent a month or six weeks on the northeast side of the Island, if we should have previously discovered something satisfactory, to cross over to the northwest shores of the mainland and prospect the same on our way back.

3rd. That we your memorialists have had very considerable experience in prospecting and mining operations in England, Australia and British Columbia, and we feel assured from past experience that many valuable minerals could be found had we the means of searching for them.

4th. In order to efficiently carry out this plan we require an outfit of provisions, a small vessel such as the one Captain Cooper had for sale, tools, fire arms and ammunition, and remuneration in the shape of small wages, and which we consider will be nearly as follows:

Tools, fuse and blasting powder say \$ 50
Rations for 4 white men and 2 Indians for 3 months..... 210
Wages for 4 miners for 3 months at \$60 per month..... 720
Indians, two, for 3 months at \$20 per month..... 120

\$1,100
The prospectors or miners are willing, as they wish to settle in the country, to take one-third in cash and two-thirds of their amount in land on the Island; deducting two-thirds of miners wages for land amounting to \$480, leaves a total amount for the expedition, exclusive of the vessel of \$625.

5th. That at every convenient opportunity we will report progress to your Excellency of all discoveries, and send such specimens as we may obtain from time to time through the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, and we shall be happy to receive any suggestions from your Excellency, or any one you may appoint and beg to subscribe ourselves,
Your most obedient servants
MATTHEW REYNOLDS,
FRANCIS LAKIN.

British Columbia.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
22nd March, 1869

Gentlemen.—The Governor has had under consideration your letter of the 13th inst., containing a scheme for prospecting a portion of Vancouver Island, and of the Mainland of British Columbia, and in reply to your request for assistance from the Government to enable you to carry this scheme into effect, I am instructed by His Excellency to inform you that he is not in a position to meet your wishes.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

Messrs. M. Reynolds and Francis Lakin,
&c., &c., &c., Victoria.

THE EXCURSION TO-DAY.—We need not ask our citizens to join the excursionists by the Enterprise, we only remind them that the time is a quarter to one sharp. We have all so many reasons for esteeming the gallant officers and men of the Zealous, that no one will miss the opportunity of paying a farewell visit. The vessel, long as she has been with us, is still worthy of another examination. She is without exception the finest specimen of modern naval architecture, that ever floated on the Pacific. It may be well to state that those who are not provided with tickets can pay their money on the boat.

NEW WESTMINSTER ITEMS.—At the annual meeting of the Howe Sound Coal Mining Company, the following directors were elected:—F. H. Lamb (Chairman), J. A. Webster, P. Geran, Hon. H. Holbrook, H. Hogan, M. Dickinson, Geo. Deitz, J. Hume, Hon. A. T. Bushby. Two hundred dollars have been raised to defray the expense of erecting a new fence around the New Westminster Cemetery. The steamer Onward will sail for Harrisonmouth on or about Saturday next.

OPENING DAY.—The Steamboat Exchange (late the Identical) will be opened this afternoon.

DOWN.—The wires were down yesterday somewhere on San Juan Island.

NANAIMO ITEMS.—The bark Kustoff is loading with coal at the above port for Sitka. The supply of coal ready for shipment is large so that no delay will occur to vessels seeking cargoes. The ladies of Nanaimo are determined to hold the foremost rank in respect to dress, and are furnishing more liege subjects to Her Majesty than any other locality in the Colony of equal population. By rapid home production we may be at last independent of immigration.

CARIBOO MINING INTELLIGENCE.—From the Sentinel we learn that yield of the Barker claim for two weeks was 220 ozs; the Baldhead, one week, 94 ozs; Sheephead, 37 oz; Canadian and Cariboo, about wages. The Jenkins company on Stout Gulch have struck a good prospect in the lower part of their ground, supposed to be a continuation of the pay obtained some time ago in the upper part of their ground.

FORTUNATE MAN.—Ex-President Johnson is one of the few men who have lived to read their own obituaries. If the motto, "speak naught but good of the dead," has been observed in his case, Mr. Johnson most feel overwhelmed by the compliments that have been bestowed upon his memory by the partisan press of the United States. Perhaps some waggish fellow telegraphed the bogus report by way of a joke. But what a grim sort of joke!

GREAT BRITAIN.—According to the return of the English Board of Trade for the year 1868, there are 56,964,260 acres of land, or 89,006 square miles in England, Wales and Scotland. Of this extent of territory, 315 per cent. is used for the cultivation of grain, 40.5 per cent. for pasturage, 223,989 acres for flax and hemp, and 3.2 per cent. is waste. In the same year the stock of cattle amounted to 9,993,416 head of horned cattle, 35,607,812 sheep and 3,189,167 swine.

THE GYMNASIUM.—All the apparatus of the Gymnastic Club has been removed to the new quarters at Alhambra Hall, and the exercises have commenced. The apparatus is so arranged that in case of a ball or other public entertainment, it may be removed and placed out of reach without difficulty. The Club is in a prosperous condition, and the young men, though neither Turks nor Mohammedans, are nevertheless ardent Musclemen.

THE FIRST STRIKE.—The Cariboo Sentinel chronicles the first strike of the season on Conk'in Gulch, in a claim known as the Indian Queen, where the miners got a prospect of \$11 to the pan. It is supposed an old channel has been struck; and if this, supposition be correct a comparatively new and extensive gold field has been discovered.

SAANICH COAL SEAM.—A sackful of coal from this seam was brought in on Saturday last by Mr. Reid. It is bituminous and appears to be of excellent quality. The seam crops out close to the water's edge of a snug little harbor where vessels may load without difficulty.

FATAL AFFRAY.—A miner named Jesse Pierce, on the 10th inst., at Mosquito Gulch, fought with another miner, named W. Phillips, and kicked him in the abdomen, rupturing a vessel and causing the unfortunate man's death in a few hours. Pierce was arrested and committed to jail to await his trial.

EQUALS continued Saturday and yesterday morning. Old Boreas appeared to revel in mischief and wickedness, occasionally dropping a few tears as if by way of repentance for the damage inflicted. We shall await with some anxiety the next news from the East Coast.

MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The lecture to-morrow evening will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Somerville, M. A., the subject "Oliver Cromwell." Hon. Mr. Havelock will give an amusing reading from Dickens "Bardell vs. Pickwick."

SWIFT RIVER DITCH.—The Cariboo Sentinel endorses The Colonist of February 17th, and hopes that no time will be lost in bringing in water from Swift River to William Creek, to furnish the miners with a steady supply during the summer season.

No intelligence of either of the steamers was received up to the hour of our going to press this morning.

THE EQUIMAN real estate, sold by J. P. Davies & Co., on Saturday, realized \$325. Capt. Horton was the purchaser.

FELL'S COFFEE has become the favorite Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

A. GILMORE, Tailor, wishes to inform his friends and the public that he is selling off the balance of his winter stock at cost to make room for spring goods.

PRUSSIAN CONVENTS.—It is reported that the Convent at Neustadt, the last institution of the kind existing in the Rhenish provinces of Prussia, has been suppressed. The work of extermination, it is stated, was commenced as far back as 1834, when all the convents in the Rhine provinces were ordered to be closed, the institutions having already been abolished in the rest of Prussia. Three Franciscan houses were allowed to remain, because they possessed no property with which to compensate the government for the pensions it was obliged to accord the expelled monks. The arrangement was therefore made that these three should not be closed until the inmates died off. This process was effectual in the case of two, but the convent at Neustadt preserved a remarkable vitality. The discovery having been made that it recruited its members secretly, the papal authority of summary extinction was indicated.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

Europe.
LONDON, 23.—The strike of cotton operatives which commenced in Preston, is spreading to other parts of the country. In Glasgow it has become general. Several mills have been suspended.

PARIS, 23.—In the Corps Legislative yesterday the army contingent of 100,000 required by Government was voted. The session then adjourned to March 31st.

MADRID, March 25.—The Conscription Act of the Cortes, passed yesterday, provides that no more men shall be raised by conscription than are really required by the Government to fill the ranks of the army to the standard strength. The Minister of War had previously demanded authority to raise 25,000 recruits for this purpose.

Eastern States.
WASHINGTON, 26.—Wilson, of Minnesota, introduced a bill authorizing a railroad from Portland, Oregon, to the west side of the mountains. Referred to the committee on Pacific Railroads.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The rumored death of ex-President Johnson, it is supposed, arose from the fact of his dangerous illness.

The following nomination has been sent to the Senate: Edward B. Plumb, Consul General at Havana; F. A. Wilson, Collector of Customs of Puget Sound.

CHICAGO, March 26.—A New York special says the Cubans there claim to have had private advices from London that the British Government has consented to acknowledge the insurgents as belligerents, and allow the purchase of war material in British ports. It is confidently expected that France will follow the English example.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The Tenure of Office Repeal Bill was considered. The House refused to concur in the Senate amendment by ayes 70, noes 99. The Bill goes back to the Senate as a simple repeal of the law.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day is that of William Kobus, [Kohl?] Collector of Customs at Alaska. The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: Giles A. Smith, as Second Assistant Postmaster General; Moses H. Grinnell, Collector of Customs at New York; Fred Wilson, Collector at Puget Sound.

QUERY.—Is it our old friend Mr. William Kohl who has been appointed Collector of Customs at Alaska?

FRED PAERH has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johnson street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

Is Health Worth Having.

If it is protect it. It is a jewel as easily lost as virtue and in some cases as difficult to recover. Nature, in our climate and especially at this season requires to be occasionally reinforced. But everything depends upon the tonic used for this purpose. The medicinal tinctures all of which are based on common alcohol are dangerous. Quinine, as everybody finds out who takes much of it, is a slow poison. One safe protective from all unhealthy atmospheric influences exists, and one only. This powerful preventive is HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED STOMACH BITTERS, a compound of the purest stimulant ever manufactured with the most effective tonics alteratives regulator and depurators that chemistry has yet extracted from the botanical kingdom. Convalescents, languid and feeble from recent sickness, will find the Bitters an incomparable Restorative not disagreeable to the taste, and eminently invigorating. No other stimulant produces the same effect as this Stomachic. It does not excite or flatter the nerves or occasion any undue artificial action; but at once soothes and strengthens the nervous system and the animal spirits.

Evidence from the Land of Gold!

"My scald head, or tetter, about which I wrote you before, is all gone. Five bottles of Bristol's Sarsaparilla cured me."—E. FORBES, San Jose.
"Your Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills have cured me of Salt Rheum that I had suffered with for seven years."—R. JOHNSON, Mariposa.
"I really believe that Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills have been the means of saving my life."—T. J. EDWARDS, Stockton.

A LADY'S ENDORSEMENT.

Madame R., the acknowledged leader of the most refined and fashionable society in the city of New York, speaks of MURRAY & LAMMAN'S FLORIDA WATER in the following highly complimentary manner, viz: "It is a fragrance as fresh as the odor from blooming flowers, and imparts to the bath a delightful buoyancy. I use it on the toilet table and the handkerchief, to the exclusion of all other perfumes."

Buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lamman & Kemp, New York.

BEAUTY is the most fair, yet the most fragile of all the gifts of nature. The simplest causes in existence—the warmth of the sun—the damp of the shower—nay, the very influence of the atmosphere itself, so genial and so healthful in other respects—are all prejudicial to female charms—producing Freckles, Tan, Sun-burns, and a host of Cutaneous Affections which render it an imperative duty to provide a safeguard against these evils: so that no lady, who values the delicacy and beauty of her complexion, should be without a due supply of ROLAND'S KALYDO—the only safe, genuine, and efficacious preparation, for preserving and beautifying the skin which scientific research has yet found.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Somewhere or other disease is ever life's enemy. Its surest opponent this purifying medicine is to be found. When symptoms of sickness first set in, they may be easily subdued by this grand remedy, which gives great and prompt relief to every oppressed organ or disordered function. These Pills regulate and strengthen digestion more readily, efficiently and with more certainty than any other combination of drugs be it ever so scientifically prescribed. Nothing can exceed the ability of Holloway's medicine to secure natural functional action, whereby thousands of lifelong maladies have been prevented at a trifling expense and no detriment to the constitution. An acquisition so precious should be at hand in every household.

FEMALE COMPLAINTS should be cured, as they surely can be, by a few doses of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA.

New Advertisements.

Mechanics' Literary Institute.

On TUESDAY, 30th March, 1869.

Will be given

A LECTURE

By The

Rev. T. Somerville, M. A.

SUBJECT:

OLIVER CROMWELL.

And

A Reading from Dickens

BARDELL vs. PICKWICK,

By The

HONBLE. HENRY HAVELOCK.

To commence at 8 o'clock.

Admission: Members free. Non-subscribers, Gentlemen 50 Cents; Ladies and Children, 25 Cents.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS MY WIFE, ELIZABETH LYONS, has left my bed and board, I hereby caution all persons from giving her credit on my account, and I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her from this date.

Witness—Henry C. Courtney, WILLIAM LYONS.

Victoria, March 23rd, 1869.

POSTPONED.

The Sale of Captain Stamp's Furniture, announced to take place this day, is postponed until further notice.

A. F. MAIN, Auctioneer.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

BARKENTINE FREE TRADE, Capt. Biddington, from San Francisco, is now discharging at the Hudson Bay Company's Wharf. All goods remaining on the wharf after 5 o'clock p.m. will be stored at the risk and expense of the owners. Consignees are requested to call at the office of the undersigned, pay freight and receive orders for their goods.

MILLARD & BEEDY, Wharf street.

WANTED.

A FEMALE SERVANT. WAGES TO commence at \$25 per month, and to increase at the rate of \$1 per month for the first six months. Character from last employer indispensable.

Apply at this Office

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All of which are offered at

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They positively being about to Close

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from England.

IN AND OUT OF BOND.

Scotch Plows, and Turnip Cutters.

62 cases Paper Hangings, ex "Cecrops."

English Wrapping Paper.

15 cases "Sanderson & Naylor's" Pick

Steel,

Sheet Iron, R. G. and common, assort-

ed sizes.

Tin Plate, Wire, Block Tin, &c.

"Morton's" Pickles, 50 cases.

Candles, 150 cases 25lb.

Matches, wood.

Sardines in quarter and half tins, 50 cs.

French Leather, Calf and Kip; a large

assortment, sold in any quantities.

Linseed Oil and Paints.

Glassware, cut and pressed Bar Tumblers,

Wines, &c.

Thread, Shoe and Saddlers'; "Barbours"

Twines, assorted colors and kinds.

18 cases Zinc.

Swedish Iron, Bar Iron, all sizes; Hoop,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

A full assortment always on hand at

the Store of English and American Har-

ware and other Staple Goods, Electro-

Plated Ware, Cutlery, &c.

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With the Choicest Beer is of

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Which he will commence to dispense at

2 O'CLOCK, (THIS SATURDAY) AFTERNOON

at DEW-DROP INN—63

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McHARDY & CO.

New Advertisements.

DEDICATION

OF

St. Andrew's Church

ON SABBATH, 4th APRIL.

IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO HAVE

the Services on the occasion as follows:

Morning Service at 11 o'clock

Afternoon " " 3 " "

Evening " " 7 " "

Attendance will be given in the Church on the evening of Monday, the 29th, from 7 to 9, to allocate and

Read the Pew.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN VOGEL HOLDS MY POWER OF ATTORNEY during my absence from this Colony. Wm. Loise. m22 1m*

Victoria, 20th March, 1869.

FOR VICTORIA, V. I.

THE BARK

CAMDEN.

Now loading at San Francisco, will positively sail on the 1st of April for this Port.

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Wall-Paper, Carpets, Mahogany and

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